

PRE-VALIDATION FORM

Int ID	Sample Week	Date	Time	Vessel ID	Vessel Name	CH or HB?	State	County	Site	Status	Source

Comments:

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* See reverse side for variable descriptions and acceptable values. *

Pre-Validation Variables and Values

- **Interviewer ID** MRFSS interviewer ID (4 digits).
- **Sample Week** The week in which the pre-validation must occur. This information will be provided to each interviewer.
- **Date** The date on which the pre-validation occurred.
- **Time** The time of the pre-validation visit.
- **Vessel ID** As listed in the vessel directory. This number is fixed and confidential, and it should never be changed or shared with anyone.
- **Vessel Name** As listed in the vessel directory. Please update, if necessary.
- **CH or HB?** Please note whether the vessel operates as a charter boat (“CH”), or head (party) boat (“HB”) the majority of the time. Charter boats usually carry 6 or fewer passengers and are hired by one or more pre-formed groups. Head (party) boats are usually licensed to carry 7 or more passengers, and individuals each pay a fee for a place on the boat.
- **State** As listed in the vessel directory. Please update, if necessary.
- **County** The county in which the pre-validation occurred. Please update if different from the vessel directory.
- **Site** The site at which the pre-validation occurred. Please update if different from the vessel directory.
The following codes may be used for vessels not located at an existing MRFSS intercept site:

7777 = private access site
8888 = unknown public access site
9999 = refused site information
- **Status** The status of the vessel. Please use the following codes:

1 = Vessel in
2 = Vessel out – charter or head boat fishing
3 = Unable to validate-(e.g., trailored vessel, or otherwise can't locate after physically attempting)
4 = Vessel out – non-charter/ head boat activities
5 = Vessel out – fishing status unknown
6 = Vessel not in slip, not in water (dry dock)
8 = Not applicable-(when the vessel becomes ineligible during the wave; status 8 should be used only rarely)
- **Source** The source of the status code.

1 = Direct observation by interviewer
2 = Secondary information (such as marina operator, booking agent, etc.)